

# Bulletin Article

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## **I Will Not Fear**

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Psalms 3:6, "6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, Who have set themselves against me round about."

We live in a world that struggles to have strength. We wonder how to make it through and God calls out to us to trust in Him! Yet we look for more complex answers to problems that can only be solved by Faith. When we read of David in the Psalms, we might be amazed at the purity of his faith. If we read his verse in a modern context we could be tempted to see his rationale as illogical or impractical. Shouldn't those surrounded by insurmountable odds be afraid? Only someone with some mental health issues would not be so. This kind of foolishness should be seen as distraction, denial, or misunderstanding.

But David knew something then that many of us today have forgotten if we ever knew it. The invisible Living - God outnumbers any enemy we might face. Millions are powerless in the face the Lord God Almighty. The only way we can see clearly in this world is to see it through spiritual eyes, not secular.

2 Kings 6:15-17, "15 Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! [e] What shall we do?" 16 So he [f] answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." Those who only see the enemies are not focused on reality. Those who only see the present have forsaken the vision of the future which God gives us. Never forget that what is visible and what is real can be two vastly different things. Has life bogged you down? Are your enemies surrounding you and there seems no way out? Maybe your spiritual battles are consuming you... Please remember that what you might see, is often not all there is. Beyond me and my problems lies the power of the Lord of Hosts. In sufficient number are all of His servants waiting to descend upon the enemies of God. Your prayers and your faith will keep you

constantly connected to the Father - He is at your side. He is our deliverer and shield.

Just like David we can refuse to be intimidated by Satan's hordes. His lies, his demons, and his accusations will never stand against the children of God. Why can we stand when others would fall? Because we know the one in whom we have believed, and He lives! (2 Timothy 1:12) This is not irrational, immature, or ignorant. It is light in the darkness, and wisdom in the midst of foolishness. It is truth amongst a world of cowardice, weakness, escapism, and denial.

Children of God be strong! Satan is the father of all lies. (John 8:44) His greatest and oldest lie is that God is not enough. That He is weak and unable. When Satan tells you this, simply remind him that judgment day is coming! Live boldly and faithfully. Love hard! Be what you were made to be - belong to Him and watch the devil shudder in your presence. Not because you are strong, but because he knows who is with you. Praise God! Have a blessed week.